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PUNCHLINE:

THE GOTHAM GAME

THE GANG'S
ALL HERE!



CELEBRATE BLACK EXCELLENCE ACROSS THE DC UNIVERSE!



POWER

A CELEBRATION

**A 100-PAGE
ONE-SHOT**
OF ALL-NEW STORIES
FROM COMICS' TOP
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PORT ROYAL.
ROYAL FLUSH GANG HQ.

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**THE
GOTHAM
GAME**
PART 4

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HEY,
CULLEN...HOW
YA' HOLDIN'
UP?

YOU
#&%&%~%
KIDNAPPED ME! YOU'RE
WORKING WITH
PUNCHLINE!

HOW AM
I HOLDING
UP?!

NOT
GREAT,
BLUFF!

LISTEN,
I KNOW
THIS LOOKS
BAD...

...OKAY, *IS* BAD.
BUT TRUST ME, IT'S
ONLY TEMPORARY. AND
JUST TO MAKE THIS A
LITTLE EASIER, I EVEN
BROUGHT YOU MY
GAMETAB!

BATTERY'S
AT, LIKE...**THIRTY
PERCENT** BUT THAT
SHOULD LAST A
FEW HOURS!

YOU THINK A
VIDEO GAME IS
GOING TO GET
ME TO TRUST
YOU?

CULLEN,
C'MON...

LEAVE ME
ALONE!

I DON'T
EVEN WANT
TO LOOK
AT YOU!



PSSH!
FINE! BE THAT
WAY!
IGNORE THE
ONLY PERSON
WHO CAN HELP
YOU!



HARPER
WILL HELP
ME...



I MUST SAY,
BLUFF...YOU REALLY
SURPRISED ME
TONIGHT.

IMAGINE
MY SHOCK WHEN I
LEARN THAT ONE OF
MY *OWN* KNOWS
WHERE BLUEBIRD'S
BABY BROTHER LAYS
HIS HEAD AT NIGHT!



OH! THANKS,
BOSS. IT'S NO
PRO--

MAKES ME
WONDER...

FLIK



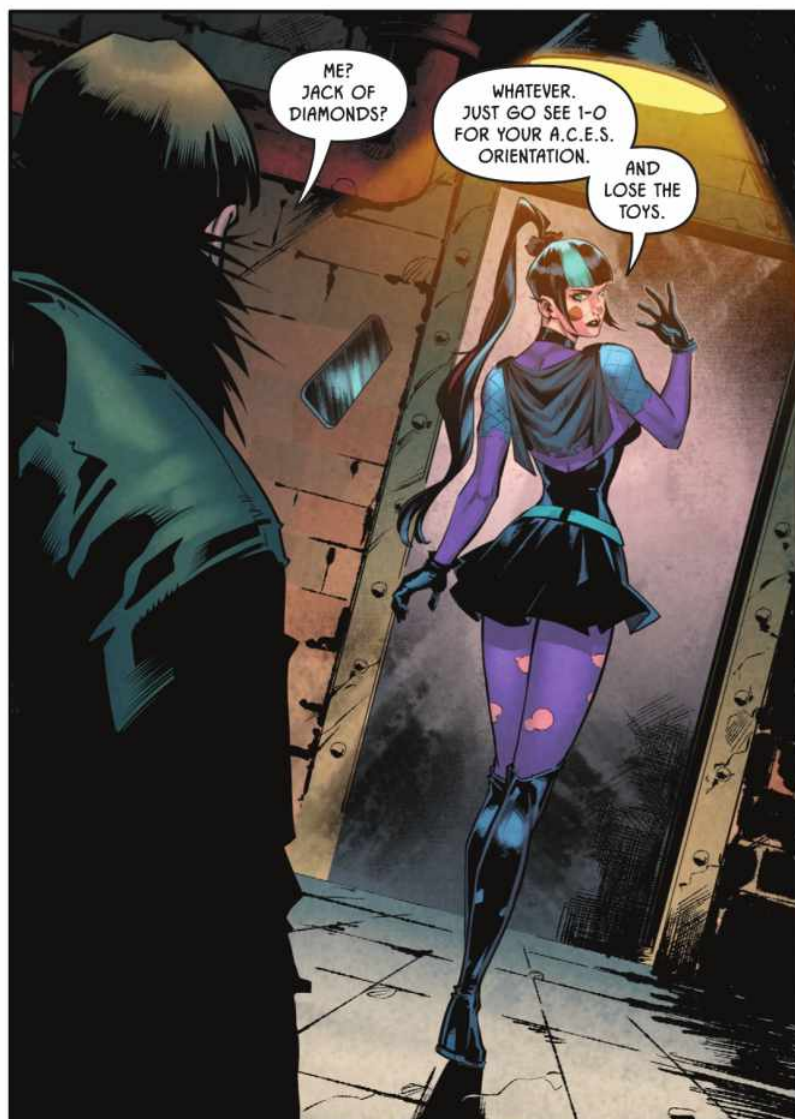
...WHY THIS
WASN'T BROUGHT
TO MY ATTENTION,
EARLIER.

PUNCHLINE,
I...I JUST
WANTED...



YOU *WANTED* TO
KEEP YOUR CARDS CLOSE
TO THE VEST UNTIL IT WAS
ADVANTAGEOUS FOR
YOU TO REVEAL
THEM!

NO,
I--!





C'MON,
BATS...I KNOW
YOU'RE OUT THERE
SOMEWHERE.

TAKE
IT FROM
ME...



BATMAN *HATES*
WHEN PEOPLE HACK
INTO HIS STUFF. EVEN
YOU, BLUEBIRD.

NIGHTWING!
THANK GOODNESS
YOU'RE HERE!



WHOA,
WHOA...TAKE A DEEP
BREATH AND TELL ME
WHAT'S GOING ON. NOW
THAT I'M HERE, I'M
HERE TO *HELP*.

IT'S
PUNCHLINE! SHE'S
GOT MY BROTHER!
SHE'S *UNHINGED*! WE
HAVE TO STOP
HER!



GEEZ,
SHE'S LIKE A
PERSISTENT
ZIT...

...NOT
THAT I WOULD
KNOW...BUT *HEY*,
LISTEN.





SO MUCH VALUABLE PRODUCT, SCATTERED TO THE WIND.



ROMAN SIONIS
A.K.A. BLACK MASK, HEAD
HONCHO OF GOTHAM
ORGANIZED CRIME.

FEDERICO TOMASSO
CAPO OF THE TOMASSO
CRIME FAMILY.

DRAGOS IBANESCU
ROMANIAN GANGSTER
AND ARMS DEALER.

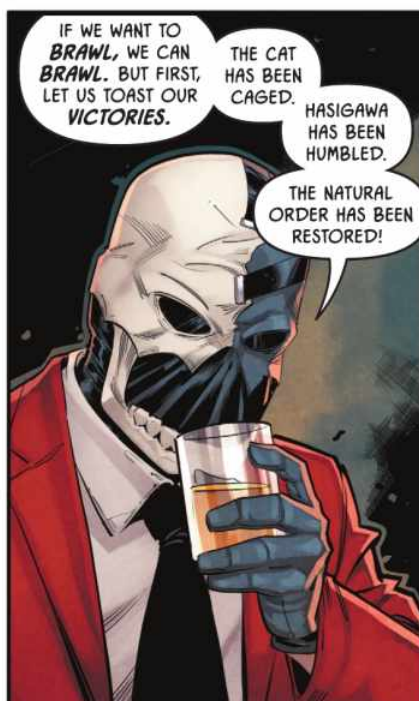
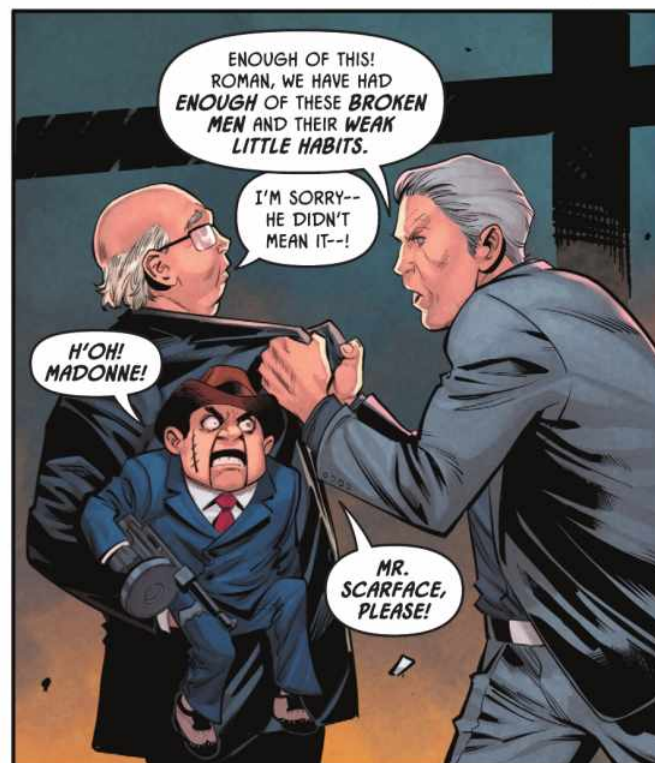
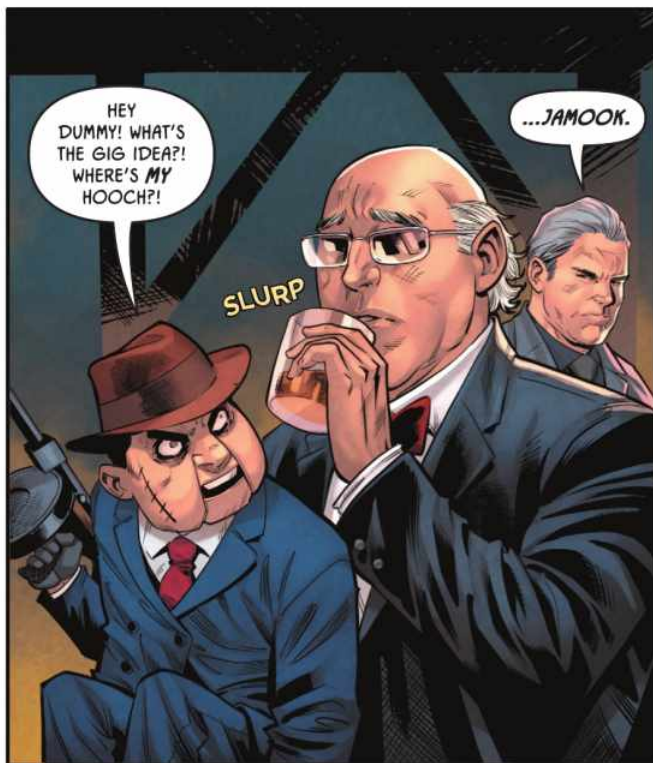
ARNOLD WESKER
A.K.A. THE
VENTRILOQUIST,
ASSOCIATE OF
MR. SCARFACE.

TIGER SHARK
SMUGGLER AND
BLACK MARKETEE
EXTRAORDINAIRE.

MR. SCARFACE
LEGENDARY
MOBSTER.

DRUG
MANUFACTURING
AND DISTRIBUTION ON
AN INDUSTRIAL SCALE,
AND ALL THESE BROADS
CAN THINK TO DO
WITH IT IS BLOW
IT UP.







"THAT HOUSE OF CARDS IS SET TO FALL..."

HEY, HOLD UP--!



AFTER YOU BOTCHED THINGS LAST TIME? I DON'T THINK SO!

BUT...I'VE BEEN WORKING ON MY ACCURACY!



1-O SAYS I'VE SEEN A 66 PERCENT IMPROVEMENT!

YEAH? WELL, CALL ME WHEN IT'S 100 PERCENT.



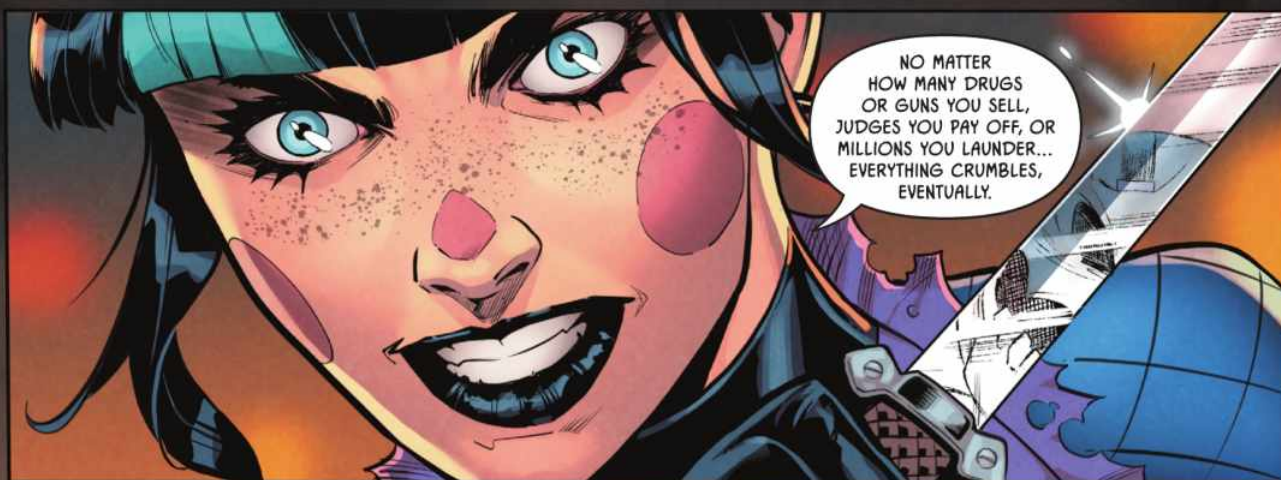
OOH... TOUGH BREAK, JACK.













YOU'RE NOT AN ENEMY *YET*, ROMAN. JUST A COMPETITOR.

FOLD IN WITH *US*, AND GROW BACK THE #@!\$ THAT SELINA KYLE REMOVED ALONG WITH YOUR MASK.



HMMM... *PASS*.

TOO PROUD? OR JUST SUICIDAL?

THERE'S NOTHING TO JOIN.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I MEAN YOUR WHOLE DECK IS ABOUT TO BE, SHALL WE SAY, DISCARDED.

MY BOYS ARE HITTING PORT ROYAL AS WE SPEAK.



WHAT?! WHAT IS HE SAYING, PUNCHLINE?!

*%%&@\$. HE'S BLUFFING, BABE...

NO. NO HE ISN'T.

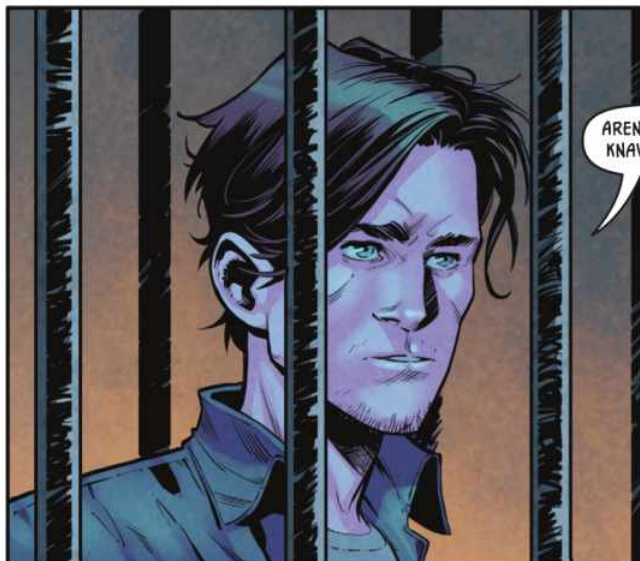


GO AHEAD. CALL. HEH, ANOTHER POKER PUN... GET IT?

AWW, WHAT'S A MATTER, GIRLY-GIRL?







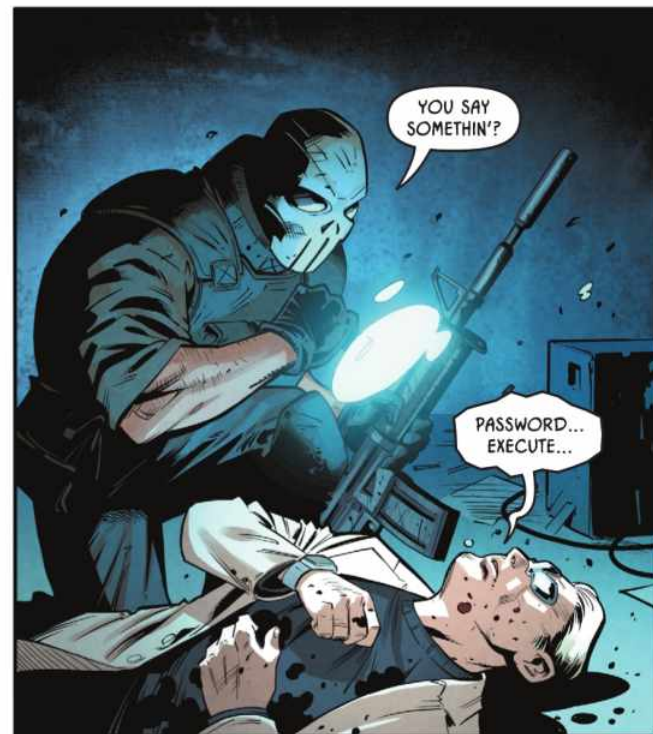






I'LL
%@\$!%&
KILL YOU!

CAN'T
SAY I DIDN'T
TRY!
LIGHT 'EM
UP, BOYS!





DAWN OF DC

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ONE HERO AT A TIME

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LOOK FOR MORE TITLES TO BE
REVEALED THROUGHOUT 2023!



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**A YEARLONG
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TEAMS**

**NEW
BATTLES
TO FIGHT**

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DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON DAWN OF DC



DC is embarking on a yearlong storytelling event, Dawn of DC. Following the events of *Dark Crisis on Infinite Earths* and *DC Universe: Lazarus Planet*, the world's superheroes have emerged from the biggest, most devastating battles of their lives and are reinvigorated in their fights against evil. With bold new directions for DC's biggest characters, Dawn of DC is an easy entry point for both lifelong readers and those picking up a comic for the first time to dive into the new stories.

"After the near-Multiverse-ending events in *Dark Crisis on Infinite Earths* and *DC Universe: Lazarus Planet*, the DC Universe will be heading toward the light," said DC publisher and chief creative officer Jim Lee. "With brand-new series and story arcs from some of the top creative members in comics, Dawn of DC is one of our most ambitious initiatives ever and is a chance for us to tell bigger and bolder stories across our line."

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